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# A Bible Public Service

By Rev. Jack Hyles New Pastor, First Baptist Church, Hammond, Indiana

"And all the people gathered themselves together as one man into the street that was before the water gate; and spake unto Ezra the scribe to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had commanded to Israel. And Ezra the Priest brought the law before the congregation both of men and women, and all that could hear with understanding, upon the first day of the seventh month. And he read therein before the street that was before the water gate from the morning until midday, before the men and women, and those that could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive unto the book of the law. And Ezra the scribe stood upon a pulpit of wood . . . . "—Neh. 8:1-4.

If there is anything our land needs today, it is a reconsidera- God. We need to instill in our tion of the public Christian service. The average church service has ness to the preaching service. Up little of God's presence; feels and down the land today we are nothing of the breath of Heaven and the fullness of the Holy great educational plants, and Ghost. In many churches there is a deadness, a dead formalism, a dry-eyed religion in the hearts of our people and in the expression of our service. We need again and again to find what the Bible says about the public worship service. You will find nothing in the Word of God near what the average church does on Sunday morning in the worship service.

The most important hour of the week is the hour when God's people come together for the preaching of the Word of God. The worst sin a preacher can commit is the sin of not being a preacher and not letting his people hear from Heaven when he preaches.

A fellow said, "Brother Jack, my pastor is not a good preacher. He's a good teacher, a good baby-sitter. He's a good baby-kisser, a good old folks' home visitor. He's a good funeral director." On the ordination papers it doesn't say he is ordained to be a baby-sitter or a baby-kisser. Why don't they change his ordination papers to say he is ordained to be a funeral director, or a hospital visitor? Listen, brother, on your ordination papers there is the commission, ORDAINED TO PREACH! Once again today in our pulpits we need to magnify the preaching of the Word of God.

Now what kind of worship service did the Bible say we ought to have? What kind of model did God give us? Notice the model worship service God gives to His people. In the days of Ezra, in people. In the days of Ezra, in the book of Nehemiah, they had friends, Eliphaz the Temanite, a great revival, a great public Bildad the Shuhite and Zophar the service. Notice five ingredients of

# I. Faithfulness in Attendance

In Nehemiah 8:1 the Bible says: "And ALL the people gathered themselves together as one man."
There was faithfulness to the preaching service of the Word of



people the importance of faithfulmany, many churches have enough room to take care of twice as many in Sunday School as they do in the preaching service. We are not preparing our people for the preaching service.

My precious friend, as long as build big educational plants and small auditoriums; as long as we magnify the Sunday School and de-emphasize the preaching service, we are not going to have the breath of God that we ought to have in our churches. There

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by John R. Rice

It is Monday morning, September 14. I have just arrived by train from Lewistown, Pennsylvania, where I spoke four times yesterday—in the morning, at noon, at night, and on the radio. It was the anniversary of the Evangel Baptist Church, Rev. Joe Mac-Mullen, pastor. We enjoyed the beautiful new building and the fellowship. A young man was saved last night, a backslider came back to the Lord, and there was evidence of many blessings.

#### I Am Glad I Am Young

I have been on the train the last two nights. Tonight we have a banquet honoring Miss Viola Walden, the editor's secretary, and Miss Fairy Shappard, head of the advertising department. Miss Viola has been with us twentyfive years last June; Miss Fairy Shappard came the next year and has been with us continuously except for two or three years taken out in education. Tomorrow morning I fly to Dallas, speak tomorrow afternoon and night at an area-wide conference at Miller Road Baptist Church with Dr. Bob Jones. Wednesday I speak in Dallas, Thursday in Fort Worth;

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By Evangelist John R. Rice

Late one afternoon in West Texas, about 1880, a lone cowboy rode across the prairie. Far ahead lay the west fork of the Brazos River, and the dim trial down that wooded stream led to the camp, which he must reach by night. Soon he came across the freshly killed carcass of a twoyear-old steer. Great, slashing cuts across the side proved that the beast had been killed by the attack of a panther, a mountain lion. The body was still warm. This was the work of a bloodthirsty killer who killed for devilment and not just for food.

Soon the lone horseman rode into the wooded creek bottom, found and followed the trail toward camp. The sun went down, and as dusk settled over the land, there came behind him the shrill scream of a panther. The tired horse quickened his step. Soon, to the right, and not far away, the wailing cry was heard again. The beast was circling ahead! A little later and far ahead, some-where near the trail, it seemed, came that dismal and blood-curdling cry. The cowboy was my father. He said that as he rode through the darkness of the trees, he knew that at any moment there might come hurtling upon him from some branch above the clawing, killing body of the big en. The exposure of sin is part cat. Panthers had been known to leap upon and kill a full-grown (Continued on page 4)

horse. With what relief he came to the campfire, the chuck wagon and his companions!

Perhaps you have never been stalked by a blood-thirsty beast of prey. Nevertheless, dear friends, there is a wild beast on your trail. Swift and pitiless, retribution trails you. "Be sure your sin will find you out"!

The men of the tribes of Gad and Reuben coveted the fine prairie land which lay east of the Jordan River, and asked that they might have it for a possession. They promised faithfully that the men of their tribes would go armed before the nation to drive out the inhabitants of Canaan, until all the tribes should inherit their land. Moses agreed but said, "But if ye will not do so, behold, ye have sinned against the Lord: and be sure your sin will find you out" (Num. 32:23).

There are some things one can be sure about. One of them is that God Himself in Heaven will see to it that sin will be brought to judgment. It is part of the nature of God to demand that sin be exposed and punished. If one sin in all God's universe can get by, then Satan has succeeded and God has failed, and God Hirnself would be torn from the throne of Heav-

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# Do the Wicked Prosper and the Godly Suffer?

By Dr. William L. Pettingill

Much has been said and written on this subject and yet it is ever confronting us. The problem is by no means a new one

The book of Job which is probably the oldest literature in existence consists chiefly of a discussion of this question. Job, who was perfect and upright and one feared God and eschewed who Naamathite, insisted that there life for which he was suffering.

Job knew better than that, but he was unable to explain the mystery; and in the 21st chapter of the book he himself discusses at length our problem:

"Wherefore do the wicked live, become old, yea, are mighty in power? Their seed is established in their sight with them, and their offspring before their eyes. Their houses are safe from fear, neither is the rod of God upon them Their bull gendereth, and faileth not; their cow calveth, and cast-eth not her calf. They send forth their little ones like a flock, and their children dance. They take the timbrel and harp, and rejoice at the sound of the organ. They spend their days in wealth, and in a moment go down to the grave. Therefore they say unto God, De part from us; for we desire not the knowledge of thy ways. What is the Almighty, that we should serve him? and what profit should we have, if we pray unto him?"vss. 7-15.

And yet, Job reflects, "How oft is the candle of the His people through every trial. wicked put out! and how oft cometh-their destruction upon them!

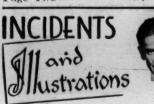


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God distributeth sorrows in his anger. They are as stubble before the wind, and as chaff that the storm carrieth away. God layeth up his iniquity for his children: he rewardeth him, and he shall know it. His eyes shall see his destruction, and he shall drink of the wrath of the Almighty. For what pleasure hath he in his house after him, when the number of his months is cut off in the midst?"—vss. 17-21-

We who have been permitted to look behind the scenes in Job's case know that his sufferings were at the hands of Satan by the permission of God. The adversary had challenged God concerning Job, and God's answer was to show that He is able to sustain

But not always are we permit-(Continued on page 5)



By Evangelist Robert L. Sumner Contributing Editor

# The Rescue of "Little Richard"

Little Richard was trapped in a limestone tomb for six days and nights recently just outside of Owasso, Oklahoma. Nearly two hundred people worked off-and-on during that time to chip him from the rocky vise which held him. Using dynamite and a jack-hamdeliverance was finally achieved. Little Richard slowly ambled out into the arms of Larry Wilson. Dr. John Collins quickly examined him and put him into an ambulance that had been standing by for several days. He was then rushed with sirens screaming to a hospital in Tulsa for a more thorough examination. The attending doctor at the hospital announced that Richard had 'every chance in the world to pull through. Incidentally, Little Richard is a

Blue Tick 'coon hound! All that time, expense and labor to rescue a dog! Yet men, women, young people, boys and girls are sinking out into a brimstone pit of destruction from which there is no return or release-and no one seems especially concerned. Something has happened to our sense of values when we think the rescue of a dog is more important than the rescue of a soul! Incidentally, a little over a month after the rescue of Little Richard I was in the same town for a revival campaign and I do not recall ever having met more indifference, even on the part of those professed to know Christ, than I did in that meeting.

What a tragedy: excitement for a dog; indifference for souls!

# Restitution

Someone at Sioux City, Iowa has apparently gotten right with God and wants to stay in fellowship with the Saviour. At least such was indicated when Arnold Palmer of Holdenville, Oklahoma, received a letter in the mail containing two \$1 bills and a brief note. The note read: "For room rent due since September 18, 1933. \$2 paid." It was signed, "E. Co-Palmer revealed that the letter had been addressed to "a Mr. Palmerton, Whitehouse Hotel, Holdenville, Oklahoma." Palmer had owned and managed a hotel which went out of business in 1937. Now, over a quarter of a century later, a convicted, conscience-stricken former deadbeat decided to make restitution.

Restitution is vitally important for maintaining fellowship with the Heavenly Father. Jesus said in Matthew 5:23, 24, "Therefore

if thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath ought against thee; Leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift." Zacchaeus, as soon as he got converted, set out to restore fourfold what he had taken "from any man by false accusation" (Luke

Go thou and do likewise!

#### Murder for a Dollar

Out at Colorado Springs, Colorado, a fifteen-year-old boy, Walter Richard Fitzpatrick, confessed that he drove a four-and-one-half inch hunting knife nearly fifty times into the body of a 65-year old city welfare worker, Mrs. Florence D. Martin. Police Chief I. B. Bruce said, "He did it for one dollar. We found the bloody \$1 bill in his billfold. He doesn't show a bit of remorse and is quite

What a little return for such a terrible deed! Yet the man, woman or young person who sells out to sin is always short-changed. Like Judas, who betrayed the Saviour for a mere thirty pieces of silver, the individual who chooses sin finds that he has ended up on the wrong side of the bargain every time. Sin, with its wages of death and eternal damnation, could hardly be worth any price Sin is unexplained insanity. Remember that "evil pursueth sinners" (Prov. 13:21) and "he that pursueth evil pursueth it to his own death" (Prov. 11:19).

United States Postmaster General Arthur Summerfield has described mail order pornography and obscenity as a \$500,000,000-a-year business that is still growing in volume. Blaming two basic causes, which he described as (1) The tremendous profits from a relatively small investment and (2) The broad definition of obscenity handed down by circuit courts, he declared that mounting profits, clever legal defense, small fines and short jail sentences have encouraged the unscrupulous to en ter this vile business.

Sincerely Wrong Daniel W. Dough, Jr., a 19-yearold newspaper copy boy, walked into the Bank of Virginia in Norfolk and cashed his paycheck. Shortly afterward he was picked up and identified by the teller Mrs. Eileen Thomas, as the wouldbe robber who had just tried to rob the bank. He protested vigorously his innocence, but Mrs. Thomas positively identified him and he was jailed on a charge of

attempted robbery.
Fortunately for Dough, the real robber, James Edward Anderson, 20 years old, almost a double for Dough, could not rest with his conscience and came forward to admit that it was he who at-tempted the robbery. The embarrassed teller concluded she had been mistaken when she saw the

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# The Crusader's Sword

THE SWORD OF THE LORD Born Twenty-Five Years Ago, First Issue September 28, 1934, Is Symbolized by the Giant Crusader's Sword Presented to the Editor by Dr. Bill Rice, Murfreesboro, Tennessee, Shown Below

By the Editor

Here is pictured Dr. Bill Rice, noted evangelist and my loyal and generous brother, an evangelist of Murfreesboro, Tennessee, presenting to the editor the giant sword, which is a fitting symbol of The Sword of the Lord.

This ancient sword is a museum piece purchased from a museum in Miami, Florida, which imported the sword from Germany. It was evidently made in the Holy Land. Underneath the silver plating which Dr. Bill Rice had put on the ancient blade is a fine tracery of Arabic letters. It is believed that in the days of the Crusades some German nobleman, stationed for some years in Palestine, had the beautiful sword made there and carried it home with him.

I cannot read the Arabic letters, but now it has another inscription engraved in tiny letters, "Presented with love and admiration by

Bill Rice.' And the golden plate which you ee in the picture, attached in the middle of the sword, says,

"The Sword of the Lord and of John R.

The sword in my office is mounted on a beautiful cedar wood plaque, is supported by gold and silver mounted spurs. And the plaque hangs upon two horseshoes taken from the feet of the Arabian stallion given to Dr. Bill Rice by the late king of Jordan. The horseshoes are plated with gold. On the plaque is a burned outline of the two hemispheres, representing the worldwide ministry of THE SWORD OF THE LORD, and underneath is let-

"This sword is never sheathed."

I am deeply charmed by this beautiful token and symbol. It is expensive. How many hundreds of dollars it cost, I do not know. I shall always treasure it.

But the expense and the beauty of this great two-edged sword with a long blade, is not the most important thing. Most important of all is the symbolism. It stands for THE SWORD OF THE LORD. Look at it carefully and you will see that the fine carved ivory handle mounted with silver, which Dr Bill Rice had put on in place of the ancient leather winding used in battle, all fits the picture of the sword on the heading of THE SWORD OF THE LORD, God fights sin. God warns sinners. God is in battle against Satan. God commanded Christians to put on the whole armor of God and to take sading work of this gospel week ly paper.

# Your Gifts for "Investment to "Investment Evangelism." Will Make You You pray about it and if Partners in This Work

For twenty-five years I have carried this burden with the help of loyal workers, with the prayers, encouragement and help of thousands of others. I must say that God has never left me, and His loving care and provision are far more than I could ever deserve. Yet, it is also fair to say that many times I have not had the support of people who ought to help THE SWORD OF THE LORD. I put many thousands of dollars into The Sword of the Lord, while my wife's kitchen had no built-in cabinets, and while my children worked to help pay for their clothes and help pay college expenses and music lessons. It is amazing the way the Lord has helped us pay printing bills, the way He has helped us pay for Entered as second-class matter at the post office at Newton, Kansas, under the act of March 3, 1879.

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We are asking friends everywhere to celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary to close twenty-five years of blessing and faithfulness under God by giving gifts large or small for "Investment Evangelism" pay off some of these notes and provide permanent working capital for THE SWORD.

For every gift of \$5 or more for 'Investment Evangelism" we will send a beautiful little replica of the crusader's sword two inches long with untarnishing golden glitter. This jewel-like sword is "the sword of the Spirit which glitter. This jewel-like sword is the word of God." So this giant in the form of a pin with safety crusader's sword, now plated in catch, for wearing on blouse or silver and hanging in my office, coat or a man's lapel. It is a is a beautiful symbol of the cru-beautiful little thing and the symbolism is sweet and precious to a Christian. We will send one free for every gift of \$5 or more

You pray about it and if God leads you to help, remember these twenty-five years and do what God lays on your heart.

#### Thirty-Five Million Copies of THE SWORD

In these twenty-five years, we estimate that THE SWORD OF THE LORD has averaged from the beginning over twenty-five thousand copies per week and has gone as high as 124,500 copies in one week. So we judge that a total of more than thirty-five million copies of The Sword of the Lord This means there have been an estimated one hundred million or more sermons printed in The state.

That should be the beautiful that the banker.

Pastor?" asked the banker.

"Yes," was the reply, "business for God and eternity. I want to more sermons printed in THE Sword, Lives of countless thousands have been changed. We have had word from some ten thousand

us, we hope to do better in the the banker was converted,

blessed our poor efforts and we believe He will bless efforts in the future.

We are asking you to help us get the job done. Please help us pay off long-term notes, stop interest payments, and join us as partners in this world-wide missionary ministry of THE SWORD OF THE LORD.

We are especially using September and October for the "Investment Evangelism." But our celebration will run through the last four months of the year.

Now we praise God for the happy and fruitful years of blessing through God's mercy on His unworthy servants, years of God's His glorious years of God's answer to the prayers of unworthy children.

If God leads you to help, send your offering for "Investment Evangelism" to THE SWORD OF THE LORD, Box 420, Wheaton, Illinois.

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#### -----What a Personal Call Did

Dr. A. C. Dixon used to tell the story of a New York Pastor who became anxious about a certain banker, a member of his congregation, but to whom he had never spoken directly. One day he went to the banker's office asking for 'a ten-minute interview.'

"Have you come on business,

talk to you about your soul.'

To the pastor's surprise, the banker replied, "I have been waitpeople who have trusted Christ ing for thirty years for some one through THE SWORD and through to talk to me in this way. Ten other literature gotten out by minutes, did you say? Come to Now if the dear Lord will help my house and make it the whole evening." The pastor did so, and

-Moody Monthly





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# Two 25-Year Workers Honored

Banquet Held for Miss Viola Walden and Miss Fairy Shappard By Evangelist Walt Handford, Assistant Editor

Two very faithful and valued employees here at The Sword of the Lord were honored Monday night, September 14, at a banquet recognizing 25 years of service to the organization. Miss Viola Walden and Miss Fairy Shappard both have finished a quarter century of devoted service. The dinner was given by Dr. Rice and was attended by fifty-three fellow workers and friends from the area. Both Miss Shappard and Miss Walden came the Gospel world-wide.

tising run each year in the paper Miss Fairy is a happy, hard worker who gives all she has in loyalty and devotion to this part of the Lord's work.

Both Miss Walden and Miss Shappard are valued members of the Board of Directors of the Sword of the Lord Foundation. This is the board responsible for the whole operation of this nonprofit organization for getting out



Miss Viola Walden and Editor John R. Rice at Honor Banquet

to Wheaton in 1940 when Dr. Rice moved his family and the offices of The Sword of the Lord here from Dallas, Texas.

Miss Walden, a native of Dallas, Texas, has been personal secretary to Editor John R. Rice since 1945. She began working part time for The Sword while came fuil time at graduation. Miss Viola (as we know her here) carries some editorial responsibility, bears a great deal of burden many of the fellow workers.

Wonderful Banquet

Dr. Rice arranged and paid for the banquet held in the dining room of the Silver Dollar Restaurant in Downers Grove, Illinois.

He also served as toastmaster. Several musical groups sang favorite songs of the two honored guests. Greetings and gifts came she was still in high school and from Christian leaders across the country. Spontaneous testimonies of the blessing Miss Viola and Miss Fairy have been came from



Miss Fairy Shappard at Banquet Honoring 25 Years of Service.

for the whole work, and heads the editorial and retail sales departments. She has a passion for hard of the work at The Sword of the work and meticulous accuracy. Lord and the part these two spe-Her boundless energy and hard cial women have played in the work are one of the mainstays past twenty-five years. of this gospel ministry.

of friends) came from Waxaha-chie, Texas, to help Dr. Rice in Dallas. God shut the door to her secular work and clearly led her hard work of these two women. to The Sword. She heads up the advertising department which Walden and Miss Fairy Shappard handles the many thousands of for 25 years of unusually blessed dollars' worth of national adver- service to the Lord!

Mrs. Rice gave a very instructive description of the early days

all the office force and hundreds of friends) came from Waxahaexcellent devotions paying gave special tribute to the loyalty and

Congratulations to Miss Viola

Be Strong!

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We are not here to play, to dream, to drift; We have hard work to do, and loads to lift. Shun not the struggle; face it.

'Tis God's gift.

Be strong!

Say not the days are evil-who's to blame? And fold the hands and acquiesce—O shame! Stand up, speak out, and bravely,

In God's name.

Be strong!

It matters not how deep entrenched the wrong, How hard the battle goes, the day how long; Faint not, fight on!

Tomorrow comes the song.

-Maltbie D. Babcock

# By Aunt Mary

# The Boy Whose Breath Was Gone

You remember, boys and girls, in last week's story how Elijah had prophesied that it would not rain for three years, and it didn't. Then we were told how God fed His prophet Elijah by ravens and later through the widow's oil and meal which "wasted not," but lasted all the days of the famine. Now there is more of that wonderful story in I Kings, chapter

Now you remember the son of the widow, her only loved one. Her husband was dead and the boy was her only child. How she must have loved that son! Well, after Elijah had been staying and eating with them, the son got desperately sick. The Bible says, "His sickness was so sore that there was no breath in him." I'm sure that the dear woman was sad and certainly scared. We believe that the boy actually died! People die when they can't breathe any more, don't they? Well, she remembered the prophet Elijah, and how he had saved their lives before by causing the meal to multiply and the oil to keep on lastwhen one would suppose it should have been gone, so they hadn't died of starvation. We don't know whether she expected Elijah to perform a miracle or whether she was just fussing at him, but she came to him with her trouble.

But the God who could furnish food for months or years from the nearly empty barrel and jug could also raise the dead, couldn't He? So the widow took her problem to God through His prophet Elijah. When we are in trouble we often remember our sins, and this was true of the widow. So she "Elijah, what have I to do with you, O man of God? Are you come to me to call my sin to memory and to slay my son?"
Of course she knew that Elijah
hadn't killed her son but she
thought God would do whatever Elijah asked. I don't know whether she felt like she had done wrong in some special thing, or whether she just knew she was a sinner as we all are.

In the New Testament, when Jesus and His disciples saw the man who was born blind, the disciples asked, "Lord, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" And the Lord Jesus told them, "Neither hath this man sinned nor his parents but that the works of God should be made manifest in him." And then the Lord healed him. So per-haps God let this only son of a widow woman die so His power should be shown to all the people in the country of Israel and wicked King Ahab and his terrible Queen Jezebel.

When Elijah heard the widow's this gospel ministry.

Evangelist Robert L. Sumner of complaint and saw her grief at Mesquite, Texas, contributing ediher son's death, he said, "Give him upstairs to the loft which was Elijah's bedroom, and laid him upon his own bed. Then he prayed to the Lord and said, "O Lord, have you brought sadness to this woman where I am staying by killing her son?" Then he stretched himself upon the child's body three times and cried. "O Lord, I pray thee [please] let this child's soul come into him again.' And God was merciful, wasn't He? He heard Elijah's prayer and answered it, and the boy's soul came into him again, and he revived, the Bible tells us.

Imagine that triumphant walk of Elijah, carrying the boy from the bedroom or chamber down the stairs to the room where the mother was waiting! If she was like most mothers, she was crying and surely praying, too, thinking of her only child, her joy in life, who had stopped breathing. As Elijah walked into the room she saw that he was smiling and the boy was no longer limp and dead, but sitting up, erect and alive. Elijah said, "See, your son is alive." As the mother took her son in her arms, it didn't take much for her to know that something marvelous had happened. to the one from which I have

Everything was changed. Grief changed to joy. The boy who was dead was alive again. And her faith in God and His prophet was strengthened too. She said to Eli-jah, "Now by this I know that you are a man of God, and that the word of the Lord in your mouth is truth.'

After the years of drought were over and the boy was grown up, I'm sure many times the boy and his mother talked together of the wonderful days when God's prophet Elijah stayed with them and they were fed by the daily miracle of the meal and oil never being completely used up. And often they must have talked of how the boy was raised from the dead by Elijah, when he prayed to the Lord for help. (Be sure to read the story from the Bible in First Kings, chapter 17.)

MEMORY VERSE: "But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus" (Phil.

#### "Am I Too Little?"

A minister preached on the love of Christ. He urged his hearers to come to Jesus. After the meeting, a little girl-came to him and asked, "Am I too little?"

"Too little for what, my dear?" the minister kindly asked.

The little girl answered, "Am I too little to come to Jesus?'

The minister took the little girl up into his arms. He said, " my dear, you are not too little. It was to the little ones that Jesus said, 'Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not; for of such is the kingdom of God."

The dear little girl wiped her tears and went to her mother. She told her mother that she had come to Jesus and that she was saved! How glad Mother was to hear her little girl confess her faith in Jesus! Next day, the little girl brought another little girl to the meeting, saying, "She wants to be saved, too!"

Dear children, you are welcome to come to Jesus. He longs to have you come to Him. He will make you happy in His love. Then you, too, can tell others about

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# Roman Catholics Still Persecute Christians

Persecution of Christians in Colombia, **Under Orders of the Roman Catholic Hierarchy** 

'Christian Heritage" calls attention to the continued persecution of Protestants in Colombia, South America. We quote:

On January 17, this year, Protestants, carrying the body of one of their members to the Municipal Cemetery of San Vincente, Colombia, were met by a group of Roman Catholics and their priest as they entered the section reserved for Protestants, atheists, Masons, and Communists. The priest shouted that they could not bury their dead in San Vincente because they were heretics and followers of the Devil. He then grabbed the Protestant pastor and held him while one of his crowd beat the pastor with his fists.

"Six days later, Floro Pacho, a Paez Indian Christian who served lay preacher, having worked all day for a neighbor, remained to eat dinner and answer questions of the other workers about the Gospel. His host-employer picked up a heavy stick and with fury struck Floro across the head from behind with so many blows that the man fell to the floor dead.

"On January 24, Protestants of San Vincente were attacked by a band of armed men as they left their church after an evening service. The mob shouted, 'These Protestants must be exterminated!' Then they fired over 150 bullets into the chapel and a neighboring house. The assistant pastor was shot through the head and died instantly. A four-year-old boy had his foot blown off and died later in San Juan de Dios hospital in Bucaramanga, where he and a woman wounded by the gunfire had to be taken after they were denied admittance to the San Vincente hospital because they were Protestants.

'Since 1948, 109 adults and five children, including the foregoing, have become Protestant martyrs in Colombia, Twelve additional deaths are still under investigation."

When Roman Catholicism is in majority, in any country, it bares its fangs and acts far differently than when it is in minority, as it is in this country. Then too, the bigotry and harshness of the hard core Romanists does not reveal itself in a land so blessed with true Gospel preaching as we have from so many Bible-believing pulpits in the USA. American "toleration" of all persecution of others, in our God-blessed land.

-From Christian Victory



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# Trailed By a Wild Beast

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one of the attributes of God, a part of His righteousness and holiness, that sin cannot get by. Sin must be brought to light, must be exposed, must be judged, must be punished! As certain as there is a God, your sin will find you

God has sown into all created things a demand for retribution When Cain killed his Abel, God said, "The on sin. brother, voice of thy brother's blood crieth unto me from the ground" (Gen. 4:10). God said that Cain was cursed from the earth. The blood itself cried out for punishment up-on Cain, and God said, "When thou tillest the ground, it shall not henceforth yield unto thee her strength; a fugitive and a vagabond shalt thou be in the earth."

When the Lord Jesus rode into Jerusalem on the colt of an ass. some of the Pharisees from among the rejoicing, praising multitude said unto Him, "Master, rebuke thy disciples" (Luke 19:39). But Jesus answered these men, saying, "I tell you that, if these should hold their peace, the stones would immediately cry out" (Luke 19:40). The ground, the very stones, and all the creation of God are set to see that sin is brought to judgment and that justice is done! It cannot be meaningless that the

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sun turned dark during the crucifixion, or that in Egypt water turned to blood, or that earthquakes, storms and such increase as long as man's wickedness continues on this earth. It is a law of God, a law of nature, an attribute of God Himself, that sin must be punished, must be brought to judgment! Be sure your sin will find you out!

Nothing is more clearly taught in God's Word than that fact. Again and again we are warned of the terrible effects of sin. We are told, "The way of transgressors is hard" (Prov. 13:15). soul that sinneth, it shall die," the Scripture (Ezek. 18:4). 'Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap" (Gal. 6:7), "The wages of sin is death" (Rom. 6:23). The "preacher" was right when he said, in Ecclesiastes 12:14, "For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil." The Word of God says, "Be sure your sin will find you out!"

But outside the Bible, you will experience on every hand same plain and terrible fact. Sin has a way of coming to light. An old proverb of men says, "Murder will out." That old saying simply expresses the accumulated wisdom to the effect that, in nature, in the justice of God, as in the Lord's written Word, sin must be, and inevitably will be, brought to punishment. "The mills of God grind mistakable marks on the faces of slowly, but they grind exceeding fine." That is the reason why criminologists agree that there is no such thing as a "perfect crime." By this they mean that always there is some clue by which the criminal could be found out. Some cases are never solved, because human officers of the law and human instruments of justice faulty; but inherent in men

encies inevitably point to the crime and the criminal. A finger print, an unsuspected observer, or a guilty conscience or circumstantial evidence, always point to the criminal. Naturally, as certain as, there is a God in Heaven, sin will be found out. Sin betrays itself. God is determined to bring it to justice. Even nature sides with God to point out the guilty sinner, and the sinner's own conscience joins in the hue and cry trail him like bloodhounds tracking down an escaped convict. Be sure your sin will find you out!

#### Sin Will Find You Out In Your Face

Sin leaves a trail, a slimy, hated, cruelly disfiguring trail. Sin leaves marks and brands. The very nature of sin is such that cannot remain hidden. So sin finds one out in his face.

The women of America spend millions of dollars a year on cosmetics. God bless the poor dears, they have to be beautiful. They long to be alluring, attractive, and lovely. And I do not altogether blame them. There is enough of ugliness in the world, and God Himself is the author of true beauty. But to me it seems a senseless and blind course to cover up the face with cosmetics and let true beauty be stolen away by sin. God's Word says that a woman's beauty and adornment should be that "meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price" (I Peter 3:4). Worries, Worries, criticism, envyings, anger, lust and drink leave unenvyings, women. Many a time I have talked to some young girl, earnestly urging her to trust the Saviour. and she has lingered and demurred, and postponed the question, until I could see that some evil thing was petted and hidden in the heart, some little secret desire, some sinful pleasure, that the girl clutched to her heart Repeatedly I have asked this question, "Do you dance?" Then at times the girl has been startled and again and again the answer has been, "Yes, how did you Of course I do not always know, but the dance is such a sensual, lustful thing that it leaves certain marks on faces. Certain muscles about the mouth are enlarged, and the face is brutalized. Sin will find you out in

your face. Two women may go down the same street in a wicked city. One, a chaste and virtuous and godly woman with a meek and quiet heart, will go, respected and un-molested, past a corner where loafers stand. Another woman or girl, who lives a fast life and perhaps has been in open and shameful sin, may come by the same corner to be greeted by sly looks, whispered remarks, and the approach of "mashers." Not only the clothes and the paint, but something in the bold glance, some thing in the hardened face speaks unconsciously that she is a woman of sin!

The glassy eye and the poker face of the banker, the set smile and effusive talk of the politician, the coarsened and reddened feamorose countenance of the grumbler all confirm what I am saying, that sin finds you out in your face. Sin leaves its mark. And do not ever think that you can get by with sin without its getting out on you. Your sin will find you out!

### In Your Body, Too, Sin Will Find You Out

seems almost beyond need of telling that sin will find you out in your body. In your own body you will reap what you sow. How hardened, how blinded a man must be in order to sin! On Mother Eve, after her sin in the garden, was pronounced the curse, "I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children" (Gen. 3:16). It is no doubt because of sin that the age of the race has been cut down from eight or nine hundred years to threescore and ten. Sin finds man out in his body. Liquor brings in His mercy intervenes. In other "hobnailed liver" and impaired things the harm caused by booze resistance to disease. And ventrail of the sexually impure.

like to have a Bible for his pa-ients that were able to read it. I gladly gave him a good Sco-field Reference Bible. He told me I might visit such of those patients as could talk to me and to whom I might be a comfort. But he said, "There are some of them that are past any helping." replied that the gospel was good for the worst cases; but he replied, "But I'm talking about some whose brains are already partially destroyed by syphilis. They are beyond hearing the gospel, or un-derstanding it, or making any decision," he said. What a fateful reality it is that sin finds men out in their bodies!

In Lubbock, Texas, it is said a man sat by the sidewalk in a wheel chair. A strong young fellow came clicking his heels down the walk, and since it was down in Texas where people can be friendly with strangers, the crip-ple called out to him, "Stranger, are you good at mathematics?'

"Well, what is the problem?" the young man smiled.

"Here is an equation," the man in the wheel chair said. "On one side was fifteen minutes' pleasure down on the Mexican border with a little Spanish girl. On the other side is twenty-two years of disease, having to be rolled in a wheel chair. Now are they equal? Was it worth it?"

"My God, no!" exclaimed the horrified lad.

"Then remember," said the sufferer, "Be sure your sin will find you out!"

The young man never forgot the question. No, no! it was not worth it. Sin costs too muchit finds you out in your body.

· Even a grumbling, ungrateful, critical disposition may lead to indigestion, to ulcerated stomach, even to cancer, many doctors think.

Many think that one can get by with sin. You think that you can escape the wages of sin. You think that your sin will not find you out. You think that you will sin for a little while and then turn away from sin and feel no ill effects. But I warn you on the authority of God that your sin will find you out in your body!

#### Sin Will Find You Out In Your Character

Let no one think that sin stops in your face and body. Worse yet, sin becomes a part of the character of the man or woman who sins. The worst thing that drink does for the drinker is not to weaken his resistance, to injure his lungs, nor cause cirrhosis of the liver. No, the man who drinks is not the same man he was before drinking. Liquor has taken hold of his character. Will power is weakened, a habit "track" is made. Now he is likely to drink again, now he will seek the society of drinkers. A man is not the same after he drinks.

A girl dances for the first time. She tastes the thrill, the sex thrill that is the lure of the dance. The worst thing that has happened to her is something that takes place in her character. Part of her modesty is gone, that gentle, maidenly reserve given by God and fostere in a good home. There is a breakdown of some of the safeguards of virture. No girl is quite the same who dances or who goes further into indiscriminate pleasures, or who pets and necks with one who is not her husband, her God-given mate.

When a man steals, or gambles, the worst result is not seen anywhere but in the character. Some moral fiber has been coarsened, the ideal has been broken down, the high standard has been lowered. The honest man has become a thief. The man who sins is a sinner, even when the sin is over. Sin finds you out in your charac-

Today at the close of the noonday theatre meeting, a man came all broken up, to ask for prayer. His breath smelled strongly of whisky. His wife had left him. He had lost his job just before Christmas. Now, to his shame and horror, he finds that he cannot leave liquor alone, unless God could be overcome. The mistakes ereal disease follows hard on the trail of the sexually impure.

may be repaired without so much trouble. Let him be sober and Not long ago a doctor in the prove himself strong and upright insane ward of Parkland Hospital and kind and true, and doubtless

and nature certain natural tend-|in Dallas, Texas, said he would|his wife who loves him will return. Let him prove himself reliable and trustworthy employee and he can find a job, perhaps the same job. But in the way of all this there is the simple fact that his character has been woefully damaged. He is not the man that his wife married and loved. He is not the sober, intelligent, reliable employee who held his job long and did good work. The wages of sin is death, death to the body, of course, but death also to character. Your sin will find you out in your character. That is one of the horrible things about sin, that sin becomes a part of the sinner, sin fastens itself on, soaks through the tissues of one's being. The man that sins becomes its servant, a slave of sin. One who sins becomes simply a sinner, and cannot leave sin alone, except for divine deliverance.

#### Sin Will Find You Out In Your Children

"I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation," says the Lord in Exodus 20:5. The sins of the father are visited upon the children. Oftentimes the innocent suffer with the guilty. But what God says is that when fathers sin, then children follow them in sin. The iniquity of the fathers will be visited upon the children.

When David's baby died, he got himself up off the floor, washed himself and anointed his head, and went down to a hearty meal. Doubtless David sighed, and said, Well, it's too bad. I'm sorry I sinned, but the whole thing is over now." David, do you think it is all over? Do you think a man can take another man's wife, can murder her husband, and then the whole matter be over

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# They live on "Sad Street"

Recently a pathetic letter came to us from behind the Iron Curtain. With it was a snapshot of three sweet but badly undernourished Hebrew Christian children. They live in a miserable dwelling on a miserable street whose name, trans-

lated, is "The Sad Street" Many, many other children like these live on the "sad" streets of cities on both sides of the Iron Curtain. What must be the heartache of their parents, not to be able to provide the things their children need for normal, healthy growth! What joy when through your com-passion we are enabled not only to

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# Why Are Sins as

Sins are called scarlet because the colors red, crimson and scarlet are set colors and cannot be dyed or bleached. When old rags are gathered to make linen paper, those with red, crimson or scarlet are removed. Science cannot make red white. Sin leaves a flaming scar, an indelible mark on the soul. Man has no dye, no soap, no bleach to remove the set

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# Bible Public Service

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needs to be a faithfulness on the part of our people to the preaching of the Word of God.

an old-fashioned Nowadays, Hellfire and brimstone Bible preacher is considered a freak of nature. He is something of an odd-ball. He is considered a screwball. Listen, the reason is that we have tucked underneath ourselves this truth that preaching of the Word of God is the answer. I believe in educational programs; I believe in Sunday Schools; I believe in Training Unions; I believe in organizations; I believe in promotion, but we must magnify to our people the importance of faithfulness to the preaching of the Word of God.

#### II. Forgetting the Time: Make Room for God to Work

In the second place, this Bible service not only had faithfulness, but it had people who forgot the time. In verse 3 it says:

"And he read therein before the street that was before the water gate from the morning until mid-

For six long hours he read the Word of God. Here was a regular Bible service, and half the day he read the Word of God. The people didn't say, "It's time to go We usually get through by 12:00 o'clock. Let's go home." You will never have a church that will magnify God; you will never have a church where people will magnify Christ as they ought to; you will never have a gospel service that will please God until you forget what time it is. Why, in many churches the unpardonable sin is to go home after twelve. Many people at one minute past twelve begin shuffling in their seats, and if the preacher preaches five minutes past twelve, the deacons will meet him and try to tell him what to do, and the WMU will get mad at him. and will say, "We're staying too late!"

Listen! When souls are in the balance, when the power of God is present and there are lost sinners in the service, we need to plead and beg and cry for God to save them until we have exhausted our resources for getting them converted.

And so, they forgot the time You know, many times in our church at Garland our invitations have been so long. I recall one night we had a man saved on a Sunday night—a regular service, not a revival—on the 52nd stanza of the invitation hymn! That's right—the 52nd stanza! Twentyfive people were saved that night. These people forgot the time. Oh, when God gives such a burden for sinners that we don't care what time it is; when we care about one thing and that is that people are lost without God and headed for Hell—then I believe we will have the kind of worship service God wants us to have.

# III. Audience Participation

Now notice that not only was the Bible worship service characterized by faithfulness and for-getting the time, but it was characterized by participation of the people.

Verse 6 says, "And Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, And all the people answered. Amen. Amen, with lifting up their hands: and they bowed their heads, and worshipped the Lord with their

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faces to the ground." The people didn't sit there like a bunch of wooden Indians. They didn't sit there like a bunch of people who were against everything going on. There was audience participation. And I believe our services would be nearer what God wants them to be if we would get our people to partici-

When I first went to college down in East Texas I wanted to preach. I'd always thought preacher ought to preach. I didn't have a church and I didn't have any place to preach, so I went out in the country. I came to an old country church up on a hill. The name was St. Mary's Baptist Church. (How do you like that a group of people there—
a group of colored people, stopped one of the men and said, "My bought that."

Let us pray for God to stir our preachers, set fire in our pulpits, and lead us to make "every time."

The young man answered, is worth two dollars. We should've overy time."

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name is Hyles."

He told me his name was Bus-

I said, "Mr. Bussey, who are

He replied that he was a dea-

con in the church.
I said, "I'm a Baptist preacher. Do you have preaching every Sunday?"
"Yes sir, we do."
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"How about Wednesday night?" "No," he said, "we don't have it on Wednesday night."

I said, "Could I preach to you folks every Wednesday night? He said, "You sure could."

So I cut my preaching teeth out there in the country in an old country church in Marshall, Texas, preaching to a bunch of colored folks. Oh, how happy they would get! I never did know how many were there. We used coal oil lamps and we couldn't see each other. I just counted the eyes and divided by two, trying to decide how many folks were there.

Many a night I'd be preachingoh, I'd be preaching! I'd holler and scream and wag my tongue and hang from the rafters. They would sit there. Just about the time I was worn out, old Deacon Bussey would say, "He's a gonna start preachin' in a minute. He's a gonna start preachin' in a minute!" I would say to myself, "Oh, my soul, I've been preaching for an hour!"

All of a sudden his eyes would begin to roll and he would sway from side to side. After a while he would start singing, "What could I do widout de Lawd?" "What He would sway and sing, and get out in the aisle, and I'd stop preaching. He would walk down the aisle and the people would get behind him. They would march in line and sway and sing together, "What could I do widout de Lawd?" And for hours and hours many nights we would praise and sing praises to God and pray. Before long I was in the back of the line just going along with all the rest of them and blessing God.

You know, I learned something down there. I learned that God's people need to be expressive in their love for Him. I learned that God's people need to let down their hair and excited about something.' express love for God. And, dear If nothing else, get aga preacher friend, if you will get your people to participate in the service it will be a better service.

Not long ago I was at a church where, when they announced a song, the people said "Amen!" breaks the economy of our nation. After a while they announced another, number 425, and they all said "Amen! Praise the Lord!" homes of our nation. You can't

I asked the preacher, "Why did you say Amen when they an-nounced that number?"

"Oh, that's a good song."
I said, "Preacher, how do you know it is a good song? Do you know the song?'

'No," he said. I asked again, "How do you

He said, "They're all good in again. our book. We don't have any bad ones."

I said, "Well, bless the Lord!" can't even say "Amen" and get salvation is good and free, Jesus by with it. You would be asked to is the Saviour, Heaven is real, leave the building. Yes, we need Hell is escaped, and by God's some expressiveness on the part grace we're His children. Build of the congregation.

Every preacher should attend pulpit.
a Jewelry Auction. Years ago my wife and I were in Hot Springs, Arkansas, on vacation. They were having a Jewelry Auction.. I said to my wife, "Now, Honey, let's go down there but let's not say one word because we don't want to buy anything. Let's go down there and not bid on a thing. We will sit in the back and not say

The fellow said, "I have an iron; a folding iron; a travel iron. want to sell it for one dollar. Who'll bid now, now, now, now, who'll, who'll, who'll, who'll, who'll bid two; now, now, now who'lk bid three?"

Charles Spurgeon one time and said, "Mr. Spurgeon, I'm not having any results while I preach. What's wrong?"

Mr. Spurgeon's roply was "Soon one time and said, "Mr. Spurgeon, I'm not having any results while I preach.

She said, "Hush! We're not going to say anything."
I said, "That's right."

Then he got out a waffle iron, and he said, "Who'll bid two; now, now, now, now, now who'll bid three?"

Some fellow said, "Two dollars."

"Now, hush."

I said, "That's right, let's don't say a word." So we didn't buy a thing—we just sat back there. We wouldn't hold our hands up We didn't smile at a thing. wouldn't cry at anything sad. We wouldn't bid a nickel on anything.

Finally the auctioneer, realizing what was going on, said, "Who's here from Texas?"

Before we knew it my wife and jumped up and said, "We are!" And do you know what? we were caught flat-footed! We had participated. An hour-and-a-half later we walked out of that place with \$56 worth of merchandise. We had to come home early from vacation because we our broke!

Now that man sold us that merchandise when he got us to participate. In our churches if our people would be taught to participate in the song service, in saying "Amen," in smiling, in the informality of the service, in handshaking—if they were taught these things, they would come nearer responding during the invitation.

#### IV. A Strong Pulpit

The Bible worship service was characterized first by faithfulness; second by forgetting the time; participation. In the fourth place, this Bible service had a strong pulpit. In verse 4 it says, "And Ezra the scribe stood upon a pulpit of wood." Notice that-he stood on it. That's right he stood on a pulpit of wood. In those days they believed in the pulpit. Listen! Our preaching services need to be characterized by the preaching of the Word of God and by a strong pulpit. I tell my people, "We need preaching. We need real preaching-hair-raising, barn-shaking, shingle-pulling, window-rattling, foundation-curling preaching." We need it again in our churches. I tell my preacherboys, "Preach! I mean preach! Don't be a little namby-pamby effeminate sissy! Preach when you get in the pulpit. Preach the Word of God, as a prophet of God. Get

If nothing else, get against ball-point pens! Tell the people that the trouble with our nation is ballpoint pens. Why, the very idea that ballpoint pens many times won't write checks, and that your sweetheart because they fail in the most crucial times, and that breaks up the romance of our nation. Congress can't write good with ballpoint pens, and that breaks up the politics of our nation. The trouble with our nation is ballpoint pens! Of course, we know that is not true, but I know this: We need to get excited once

If Jesus saves, let's tell the world about it. If salvation is real, let's preach about it. Let's get was I, and ignorant: I was as a excited because God is wonderful, beast before thee."—vss. 15-22. Listen, in many a church you excited because God is wonderful, your preaching service on a strong

# V. Expecting Results

The next thing you'll find about this Bible worship service is that there was an expectation of results. Chapter 9 and verse 2 says, "And the seed of Israel separated themselves from all strangers, and stood and confessed their sins and the iniquities of anything, but watch those suckers their fathers." There was an expectation of results. My friend, we ought to expect results in we ought to expect results in every service in our churches.

A young preacher came to Charles Spurgeon one time and

Mr. Spurgeon's reply was, "Son,

# Why Do the Wicked Prosper . . .

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ted to look behind the scenes, and to tell why in specific cases the wicked prosper and the godly suf-

It is often pointed out in the Word of God that the end of the wicked is so terrible, and the end of the righteous so glorious as to provide a sufficient incentive to the righteous. Says the psalmist:

"I have seen the wicked in great power, and spreading himself like a green bay tree. Yet he passed away, and, lo, he was not yea, I sought him, but he could not be found. Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright: for the end of that man is peace. But the transgressors shall be destroyed together: the end of the wicked shall be cut off. But the salvation of the righteous is of Jehovah: he is their strength in the time of trouble. And Jehovah shall help them, and deliver them: he shall deliver them from the wicked, and save them, because they trust in him"-Ps. 37:35-40

The 73rd Psalm is devoted entirely to our problem.

"Truly God is good to Israel even to such as are of a clean heart. But as for me, my feet were almost gone; my steps had well nigh slipped. For I was envious at the foolish, when I saw the prosperity of the wicked. For there are no bands in their death. but their strength is firm. They are not in trouble as other men neither are they plagued like other men. Therefore pride compasseth them about as a chain; vio lence covereth them as a garment Their eyes stand out with fatness. they have more than heart could wish. They are corrupt, and speak wickedly concerning oppression. they speak loftily. They set their mouth against the heavens, and their tongue walketh through the earth. Therefore his people turn hither: and waters of a full cup are wrung out to them. And they say, How doth God know? and is there knowledge in the most High? Behold these are the ungodly, who prosper in the world; they increase in riches. Verily I have cleansed my heart in vain, and washed my hands in innocency. For all the day long have I been plagued, and chastened every morning."-vss. 1-14.

But while the psalmist's "feet were almost gone," and his "steps had well nigh slipped," he did not altogether fall into the way of misjudging God concerning the prosperity of the wicked. For he

goes on as follows: "If I say, I will speak thus; behold, I should offend against the generation of thy children. When I thought to know this it was too painful for me; until I went into the sanctuary of God; then understood I their end. Surely thou didst set them in slippery places: thou castedst them down into destruction. How are they brought into desolation, as in a moment; they are utterly consumed with terrors. As a dream when one awaketh; so, O Lord, when thou awakest, thou shalt despise their image. Thus my heart was grieved, and I was

I heard of a woman, the godly wife of an ungodly husband who surprised her husband and his ungodly friends, as well as her own godly friends, by her patience and kindness to her husband and his wicked partners in sin. It is said that her husband was in the habit of coming home at almost any time of day or night with a crowd of his friends and ordering her to prepare them an elaborate meal. She always responded patiently and cheerfully without a word of complaint. Finally one of her

exactly why you don't have them —you don't expect them every time."

If we will expect them, we will have them. By God's grace, there are sinners in the balance. We need to get back to the old-time preaching of the Word of God and having a real Bible worship service.

friends asked her how she could do that? And she answered: "You see, he is my husband, and the Word of God tells me to reverence my husband (Eph. 5:33). And my husband is a lost man. He will not be here very many years, and after that, unless he is saved meanwhile, he will have an eternity of woe with no one to minister to him. I am his wife, and I feel that I must make the time here for him as pleasant as possible, in view of the awful suffering which awaits him.'

This came to the ears of her husband and when he questioned her about it she confirmed what he had heard with the result that his heart was touched, and he was brought to God, and walked with God some years before his death.

This may let us into the secret of God's dealings with the wicked. The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to usward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance" (II Pet. 3:9).

But why do the godly suffer? As a Christian woman put it to me recently: "The Lord knows that I am not questioning His wisdom nor His love nor His power; but can you give me any light upon the mystery concerning the sufferings of God's own dear peo-

"Yes," I replied, "I think I can. For one of these sufferers has (Continued on page 6)

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# Doctrine of Election

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(In the King's Business Dr. Talbot answers Bible questions, and we are glad to quote here Dr. Talbot's answer on the doctrine of election. Dr. Talbot is on the Co-operating Board of the Sword of the Lord. Thank you, Kings Business.

#### DOCTRINE OF ELECTION

Q. What does the Bible teach about predestination and election? I have been brought up to believe that God chose for salvation before the foundation of the world; and that, whether they want to or not, they have to be saved; or if God did not choose them, no matter how much they try to trust Christ, they can not be saved, because God did not choose them. Is this the real doctrine of

A. There is no such teaching between the covers of the Bible! God's predestination is according to His foreknowledge. I Timothy 2:3, 4 tells us that "God . . . will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth." Mr. William Kelly translates this passage in this way: "God . . . wishes all men to be saved." Since our Saviour does wish all men to be saved, then how could He, from before the foundation of the world, condemn some to eternal perdition, so that they have no power to accept Christ and be saved?

My friend, God has predestined; Wheaton, Illinois

but Romans 8:29 says that we are predestined according to His fore-knowledge. The same truth is plainly stated in I Peter 1:2: "Elect according to the fore-

knowledge of God the Father,"-

tian Jews of the dispersion.

so the apostle addresses the Chris-

God knows whether a man will love Christ; He knows whether a man will spurn Christ; and God has chosen from the foundation of the world-but whom has He chosen? All who will believe unto eternal life. The Lord Jesus Christ died for the whole world; and if every man in the world would come to Christ and trust Him, all would be saved. My friend, if you come to Him, He will in no wise cast you out. (See John 6:

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# Why Do the Wicked Prosper . . . ?

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written about it. His name is Paul. And he says in Colossians . . . now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up that which is behind of the afflictions of Christ in my flesh for his body's sake, which is the church'" (vss.

This does not mean that there is anything lacking in the atoning work of our Lord Jesus on the cross of Calvary. That was all sufficient for the purpose; and every man who takes his place under the shelter of the shed blood of the Son of God is saved and, for ever safe.

But "for his body's sake, which is the church," it appears that much suffering is necessary on the part of His people in order that the church may be completed and made ready for its pre-sentation unto Himself, "a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish" (Eph. 5:27).

Nothing is more clearly set forth in the Word of God than the necessity of this ministry of suffering on the part of God's people. Yet we are assured that "the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us" (Rom. 8:18).

"For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is re-newed day by day. For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more fered, he threatened not; but

glory; while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal."—II Cor.

Sometimes we are perplexed in the midst of suffering, and wonder whether the trials through which we are just now passing are the kind of trials that God would have us to endure. As one Christian put "I should be glad to pass through any kind of suffering; but somehow it doesn't seem to me that the kind of sufferings I am passing through are the kind that will accomplish any thing. And I cannot understand why God would desire me to suffer, when I am doing the very best I can to serve and please Him."

But this is just the kind of suffering appointed for us of God:

"For this is thankworthy, if a man for conscience toward God endure grief, suffering wrongfully. For what glory is it, if, when ye be buffeted for your faults, ye shall take it patiently? but if, when ye do well, and suffer for it, ye take it patiently, this is acceptable with God. For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps: who did no sin neither was guile found in his mouth: who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suf-

committed himself to him that judgeth righteously: who his own self bear our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed. For ye were as sheep going astray; but are now returned unto the Shepherd and Bishop of your souls."-I Pet. 2:

And again:

"Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you: but rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings: that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy. If ye be reproached for the name of Christ, happy are ye; for the Spirit of glory and of God resteth upon you: on their part he is evil spoken of, but on your part he is glorified. But let none of you suffer as a murderer, or as a thief, or as an evildoer, or as a busybody in other men's matters. Yet if any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed; but let him glorify God on this behalf."-I Pet. 4:12-16.

Again it will be seen by this passage that this suffering on the part of the Christian has to do the building up of the church:

"For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God? And if the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear? Wherefore let them that suffer according to the will of God commit the keeping of their souls to him in well doing, as unto a faithful Creator."—I Pet. 4:17-19.

We are all familiar with the effect of suffering in our own lives and in the lives of others, and we know that suffering is necessary for our own development in the Christian life. Tribulation worketh patience, and without tribulation there could be no patience. What kind of a Christian life would that be in which there was no suffering and no patience? It is only as we are willing to endure hardship as good soldiers of Jesus Christ that we learn how to carry on in the good fight of faith.

But the effect upon others is perhaps even greater, as they behold the fruit of the Spirit-love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faithfulness, meekness and self-control—abounding in the lives of God's people.

It falls to my lot to travel a great deal, and as I go from place to place my attention is often called to some conspicuous example of a suffering saint. And it so happens that the greatest sufferer I ever knew was the most joyful person I have ever met. Out from her bedroom, where she was prostrated for twenty years, in utter blindness and constant pain, there flowed rivers of living water of blessing to the uttermost part of the earth. And so with many others whom I have been privileged to meet and who are enduring constant suffering in a ministry obviously appointed of God. There is always evident the abundant fruitage of their suffering in the building up of the body Christ which is the church of God.

Let us then not shrink from whatever suffering may be appointed unto us.

"For it is better, if the will of God be so, that ye suffer for well doing, than for evil doing. For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God."— I Pet. 3:17, 18.

"Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time: casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you. Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: whom resist stedfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world. But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you. To him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen."—I Pet. 5:6-11. —The End—

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beloved Solomon. But David is not through with sin yet. He will reap it in his children. Amnon, David's young son, was

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so easily? David went to Bath-

sheba and comforted her, and

God gave them another baby, the

wild and reckless young fellow. No doubt he was greatly influenced by what he knew about his father's sin. He saw and loved his half sister, Tamar, a lovely girl. He had her brought to his room on a pretext of sickness, and there ruined her. As she went away home weeping, dirt upon her head, her full brother, Absalom, met her. He took her to his own home, but in his heart there burned a hot fire of vengeance. One day he made a party, a banquet, for the king's sons. He instructed his own servants that when Amnon had been drinking

would say the words, "Smite Amnon!" that they were to kill the young prince who had raped his half sister. Absalom's own sister. So Amnon died. Absalom was banished for a time, and when he came back could not see David's face. But David was not done with his sin yet. Soon Absalom won the hearts of the people, the great rebellion came, David ran for his life, mocked and hated. Later, in the decisive battle, he entreated, "Deal gently for my sake with the young man, even with Absalom." They found Absalom with his hair caught in the branches of an oak. They killed him with darts and buried him deep beneath the piled-up stones in a When David inquired canyon. Absalom, the messenger about said, 'May all the enemies of my lord the king be as that young man is today.' If you want to know that your sins will find you out, watch poor brokenhearted David as he climbs the steps of the gate tower, crying out, "O my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! would God I had died for thee, O Absalom, my son, my son!" I tell you, sin does not pay! Your sin will find you out in your

When my tirst baby was born, I was much interested when I saw the doctor and nurse dropping some antiseptic solution in each eye of the newborn baby. I said to the doctor, "Doctor, you don't need to do that with my baby, thank God!" But he, old friend of the family, said, "I know that, John, but the state law requires that every newborn baby must have an antiseptic. equal to one per cent silver nitrate solution, dropped in each eye." Then I learned that sixty per cent (six out of every ten, sixty out of every hundred) of children blind from birth, are blind because they were infected by the mother at birth, infected with venereal disease and blinded on account of the sins of fathers or mothers. Sin is always horrible, but how horrible it is when it comes to light in our beloved children! Some one has said that one who has children has given hostages to fortune.

children.

I warn you now, every man or woman who has children, every young person who expects to have you had better beware of sin. That hateful, awful, hellish, tragic thing will find you out in your children!

Children sin like their fathers. Sons walk in their fathers' footsteps. Girls turn out to be like their mothers were. The sin over which you grieve and which you despise may be the very pattern that your children will follow. As certain as there is a God in Heaven, your sin will find you out!

#### a Burning, Remorse-Stricken Conscience, Sin Will Find You Out

Some people seem as if conscience were dead. There are men who laugh at their mother's prayers, who curse in the faces of their wives, and who scoff at all thought of Heaven and Christ and the gospel. Some seem to have no sense of sin. It may not seem likely, but I tell you it is true-sin will find you out in your conscience. That little spark of celestial fire called conscience, which God put in your breast to be a monitor of good-one day that conscience will come to life and will be like maggots of remorse to gnaw, unceasingly and pitilessly, into your soul!

I remember reading a newspaper clipping several years ago, how in a western state, Idaho, or Montana, a cattle man and business man went to a United States marshal's office, and said, "I have come to give myself up-I am wanted for murder." The astonished marshal would not believe him. The man was a well-known citizen, loved and respected, with a fine family. He was known to be honest and upright in his dealings. He had accumulated property and a good name. Yet he insisted he was a murderer. On his insistence, the official wired back to Vermont, where twentythree years before, the poor man said, he had been guilty of murhad married, had lived straight a man had been murdered, and one man of the name given had before his family and church, and

been The found. criminal must be sent back to the East to face the charge of murder and be tried for his life.

"Why did you do it?" asked the United States marshal. "You had made good. You have lived straight. You have a right to freedom. You owe something to your family. Surely you have repented long ago and you have proven your desire to go straight. Why in the world did you come back to confess the crime which could never have been traced to you?"

"I'll tell you why," said the pale-faced, trembling-fingered man. "I never walk down the sidewalks of this town, meeting my many friends, but that if someone jostles unexpectedly against my elbow, my heart leaps with fear and trembling. I expect an officer to say, 'Come with me. You are under arrest for murder.' I have lived in hell these twenty-three years, a hell of a tormenting conscience. In the night if the wind blows the limb of a tree against the side of the house, I wake startled, with my heart in my mouth, half expecting someone to be beating on the front door with the handle of a six-shooter saying, 'Open, in the name of the law!' I've got to face this matter and get it off my conscience."

How many, many times does a preacher hear from souls tormented by accusing consciences! A woman standing in my services once, hesitated to come to Christ, saying, "I can never forget what I have done." Many times sinners believe they have sinned away their opportunity for salvation. Suicide is often but the result of tormenting conscience. I tell you now, that one day your conscience will awake and burn like fire, if you go on in sin. Be sure your sin will find you out in your conscience!

#### Sins Come Out Publicly, With Open Shame

We cannot select the time and place when sin is to catch up with us. It is a part of the tragic bitterness of sin that it must come out openly, publicly. Remember, that which was whispered in secret will be shouted from the housetops. There is something in the very nature of sin that makes it show itself. Sin is like a cancer that eats its way to the surface and becomes apparent after it has poisoned the whole body. Sin is like the smallpox which marks its victim publicly. Sin does not always bring judgment immediately, and sometimes the punishment is long delayed. But sooner or later, according to the plain warning of God, sin must come to judgment, and often, to public judgment.

I remember that Rev. W. W. Melton of Waco, Texas, told how, as a boy, he planted cotton seed for his older brother. He begged to get off and planned to go swimming, but the older brother insisted that the boy could not go swimming until he had planted all the cotton seed. The sun kept getting lower, and the cotton seed did not diminish very rapidly. Finally the lad dug a hole in the ground and planted all the cotton seed in one place and covered them up and went swimming. But a little while after there came a big rain, and the cotton seed sprouted, and those planted all in one hole sprouted, too. The crusted ground buckled where they were, and some cotton plants began to appear. Finally the older brother found the place and the whole story came out. So sin reveals itself and comes out in public shame and public disgrace. Be sure your sins will find you out!

The God who hears the prayer in secret closets and answers them openly is the same God who sees the sly sin hidden in the wicked heart and brings it to open and public judgment.

Some years ago, I remember, a man prominent in the church life in a north Texas town, a well-known citizen, a grocer, was arrested and charged with systematic looting of express packages. He was tried and convicted and sent for five years to the penitentiary. How shocked were all his friends, including my own der. He had fled away under an father. His sin was secret, probassumed name, had gone west, ably small at first, until it grew and grew and got a deadly hold and made good. But sure enough, upon him. And then, finally it dragged him out to open shame

and his heart was merry, and he been suspected, but had never to disgrace before the world. Sin surrendered finds one out in public!

"No one will ever know," says Satan in enticing sinners. But don't you believe that old liarsomeone will know, and likely as not everybody will know of the sin. God has promised that your sin will find you out. Eventually sin can but lead to open shame. Many a girl has listened to that lie, "No one will ever know," and later found herself the shamed mother of a nameless babe. Many a bright young man has believed "no one will ever know" and taken money he expected to replace, but could not, and gone to prison as an embezzler and thief! Sin will out!

#### Your Sin Will Find You Out In · Hell And The Judgment

It is true that never in this life will all of one's sins find him out. Some sins are secret, that will not here in this life be made public. Some crimes will not come to trial, and some criminals who are tried will not be proved the black-hearted and guilty sinners that they are. All the wickedness of a human heart does not show, sometimes, in a handsome face. God's mercy is so great that children escape part (not all) of the deadly influence of fathers' and mothers' sins. It is true that in the face, the body, the character, in conscience, in children, and publicly, sin will find you out. But that is not the complete retribution of sin. These things do not end the matter. Man's sins find him out in Hell and the judgment!

Do not think that Hell is simply a place where a hard-hearted God confines people arbitrarily and heaps upon them suffering, while He gloats over their pain. No, no! Hell is simply the mad-house of retribution which every sinner prepares for himself. The Scripture says, "The wages of sin is death" (Rom. 6:23). The sinner who goes to Hell reaps exactly what he sowed. Hell is simply the wages of sin. Those who go (Continued on page 9)

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REV. DICK BELCHER of Troy, Missouri, recently conducted a revival meeting at the Center Grove Baptist Church of Harris, Mis-souri. Robert Capps, pastor, re-ports 6 first-time decisions for Christ and many rededications by Christians. He highly recommends Brother Belcher as a dedicated, humble evangelist.

EVANGELIST DON WILSON, Lee Road and Sutton Drive, Route 3, Taylors, South Carolina, on September 6 completed a two-week evangelistic meeting in the Bible Baptist Church of Albertville, Wisconsin. William H. Bearson, pastor, reports 4 first-time decisions for salvation and 15 rededications including 8 definite decisions for soul winning. The pastor reports there was good attendance throughout the campaign and highly recommends Evangelist Wilson's fearless preaching against sin and sincere soul-winning ministry.

EVANGELIST DON WILSON

also held a week of special meet-ings in Greenwood, Wisconsin, where Pastor E. H. Ratzloff reported they had 2 souls saved. One couple felt the Lord's call to

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to dispose of their farm and go to school. There were a lot of decisions among Christians.

EVANGELIST GLEN H. SCHUNK, 10 Blythewood Drive, Greenville, South Carolina, held a revival at the Calvary Bible Church in Kankakee, Illinois. During the fourteen-day meeting 26 came to receive Christ as Saviour and there were over 50 rededications. Pastor Clinton C. Marlow says, "It was the greatest evangelistic meeting I had ever witnessed." On one night a delegation of seventeen staff members of the THE SWORD OF THE LORD went to the meeting and five of the staff were able to lead someone to Christ, at the invitation.

EVANGELIST BILL HALL, 129-B White Oak Drive, Green-ville, South Carolina, held a revival meeting at the Shiloh Community Church near Belding, Michigan, August 16-23. The church has a regular attendance of between 40 and 50 and they had a wonderful time with 17 coming to Christ for salvation during the meeting in the services and 2 in their homes. There were also many decisions for family altars and soul winning. Pastor Kenneth Harger highly recommends Evangelist Bill Hall as one who preaches the Word of God the Lord's service and they plan fearlessly and earnestly contends

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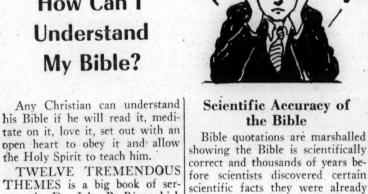
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never earned, for "the gift of God our own sins, justly condemned, is eternal life." But all who go to Hell pay their own way. Hell is absolute justice. Men go to Hell God loved us, wicked as we are, because they are sinners, and then stay in Hell eternally because they are still sinners, aliens, rebels. unreconciled and condemned sinners. Poor sinner, if you reject Christ and land in Hell, then and not till then will you really understand how terrible sin is! Sin will come home to the sinner in the fires of Hell!

But God Himself must be cleared of the wicked charges of ungodly men. Sinners love to blame God for Hell. But God has arranged it that every lost sinner shall be dragged out of Hell and get a resurrection body, and then that he shall stand before God in the Great White Throne Judgpictured in Revelation 20:11-15. God has promised plainly that every knee should bow and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father" (Phil. 2:10, 11). So God will open His record books, and men will be judged according to their works out of the things written in the books. There men will confess their own sins. There every witness in all the universe of God will be brought forward to prove the guilt. There men shall give an account for every idle word uttered. There the lusts of the heart, the desires that were never mentioned, the sins that never took place outwardly-all these will be brought to judgment then. Then every angel in Heaven, every demon in Hell and all the assembled billions of the earth's population of all ages, will come to know what a sinner you are and have been! Then, surely, in the presence of every being God ever created, you may be sure that your sin will find you out! That judgment is for unsaved sinners. sinners that die in their sin without repentance and without forgiveness. But, oh, what a horrible climax to a life of sin when Christ-rejecting sinners are found out by their sin at the judgment bar of Almighty God!

# Ruined Sinners—All of Us!

All I have said thus far is true, but if it be true, oh, what terrible woe awaits the human race! For all of us are sinners. "There is no difference: For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of says the Scripture (Rom. 3:22, 23). And if we are sinners, then what about the words of God, 'The wages of sin is death," and "The soul that sinneth, it shall die"? All of us are sinners, and so all of us should be haunted by the terrible woe of pursuing sins. Our sins must find us out,

#### An Escape for Ruined Sinners!

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to Heaven ride on a pass and note about sin. God saw the ruin enter into blessings that they of the human race, pursued by of the human race, pursued by certain for disgrace and misery and shame and eternal torment. and gave His Son to die for us. And the Lord Jesus Christ was willing to receive in Himself all the wrath of God against sin. Our sins were laid on Jesus Christ. Isaiah 53:6 says, "All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.

> Remember that in the wilderness Moses was instructed to raise a brazen serpent on a pole, so that whosoever would might look and live. That brazen serpent pictured Jesus Christ. He who knew no sin became sin for us, that we might be made righteous (II Cor. 5:21). Elsewhere, Jesus could only be pictured by a lamb without blemish. He is the pure and holy and sinless one. But on the cross Jesus Christ must be pictured as full of sin, covered with sin. In fact, He was full of sin-my sin and yours, and all the sins of the world! So He was pictured by the brazen snake. The snake was for sin, and brass is the metal of judgment. God's judgment on sin all fell on Jesus on the cross. Now those of us who are willing to take our place and our blame and suffer for our sin, all of us who are willing to have Him as Saviour, are forgiven and saved from the terrible results of

You who will not take Jesus Christ and flee to Him for refuge will find yourselves hounded and pursued by your own sins and so certain of eternal ruin.

Yes, I am a guilty sinner. I ought to go to Hell and there reap the torments that my sins justly deserve. But thanks be to God, Jesus Christ tasted death for every man, and so tasted death for me! When He suffered the agony of death in the Garden of Gethsemane, when God the Father turned His face away from Him on the cross, when all the demons of Hell wreaked on Him their vengeance and He felt the shame and heartbreak that justly is the due of every sinner in the world, then He made it possible for me to be forgiven! Thank God that my sins were laid on Christ and I am set free. I do not need to go to Hell. God does not want me to go to Hell. God wants me to be forgiven. He wants me to be happy! He wants me to be His child! So I have put my trust in Christ and He has wiped out all my sins like a thick cloud. He has buried them in the depths of the sea and will remember them against me no more forever. I can say with David and with Paul, "Blessed are they whose iniquities are forgiven, and whose sins are covered. Blessed is the man to whom the Lord will not impute sin' (Rom. 4:7,8 and Psalm 32:1, 2).

My sins will not find me out at judged for my sins. He took the shame and humiliation before the multitudes of the earth. Stripped naked, tormented, beaten, spit upon, mocked at, blasphemed, offered vinegar and gall, Jesus took what was my just due, and died as a sinner. Thank God, then, that I will not have to come to the last judgment and be judged for my sins. Sinner, your only hope is to run to Jesus for mercy and salvation before your sins find you out.

#### The Rabbit That Didn't Need a Refuge

When I was nine years old my family moved to a cattle ranch in West Texas. Coyotes, the slinking, dog-like wolves of the prairies, had been killing calves, and so my father had sent for a beautiful, thoroughbred greyhound. He was coal-black in color, and so we called him "Coaley." And when the men were busy with the cattle, with crops, or building fences, Coaley chased rabbits. Long-eared jack rabbits were numerous, and how often I watched Coaley chase them and kill them.

There were some other dogs at

the ranch, two collie pups and a little bench-legged bulldog. They, too, ran jack rabbits. Yes, they ran them, but never caught them for jack rabbits are proud and speedy creatures, and very rarely any but the greyhound catches a full-grown jack rabbit. The collie pups would bark furiously, and the jack rabbit would lay one ear back and lope easily away The little dogs would come back to the house, panting and happy since they chased the rabbit out of the country and had a morning exercise!

I never saw a jack run into a hole. The prairies were dotted with prairie-dog towns, with many holes, and many badger holes were granaries (grain There barns), havstacks, and sometimes near creeks there were hollow logs or little caves, but I never knew a jack rabbit to take refuge in any such place. No, the proud and arrogant jack (sometimes called the "mule-eared rabbit") always ran the race out. It seemed as if his proud and haughty spirit would not admit he needed any help, any refuge. The jack rabbit always depended upon his own hind legs. But when old Coaley, the grey-

hound, began to chase rabbits, then business really did pick up. Many a jack rabbit, when Coaley began to bay, galloped languidly away as if this were just another collie pup on an idle chase. But it was not long before that jack rabbit would lay back both ears let Jesus be our Substitute and and run for dear life, for then the dog, like a black fury, like avenging judgment, would be at his heels! How many times I threw my hat in the air and shouted until I was hoarse! I have seen a rabbit dodge, and Coaley's feet would fly out from under him, and he would hit the ground with a bump, but then he was up and gone again until the rabbit was caught. If the rabbit got between cotton rows, it would only take a few yards, for he could not dodge. And in any fair chase, there was always one conclusion; Coaley tried, he caught the rabbit. Many a time I picked up a big heavy jack rabbit, weighing sometimes eight or ten pounds, and all of him running muscles, the big thick back and the ham muscles, with tiny front feet. And many times I have thought that a jack rabbit is a gallant runner, but there was never one made that could outrun, in an open stretch, a thoroughbred greyhound. Too proud to hide, too self-confident to run to shelter, spurning the hole in the ground or a ledge of rock, the jack rabbit depended

upon himself and lost! But there is another kind of rabbit in West Texas, the tiny 'cotton-tail." He is only about a third the size of the jack rabbit, and lives in the brush. He hops along, waving his little white flag of truce behind him, a timid and defenseless creature. One day my father and I went fishing in the west fork of the Brazos River. As we drove along in the buggy my father said, "Son, look out for bait. We must have something fo bait our hooks or we will have no supper tonight." In the brush of the river bottom a little cottonthe last judgment, for Christ was tail rabbit suddenly hopped across the trail in front of us. With roar of barking, the hound that had been trotting behind the buggy plunged by us and out into the brush after the tiny cottontail rabbit. I thought, "Too bad, little rabbit. I've seen old Coaley chase too many long-legged jack rabbits. You have no chance. We will have bait for our hooks tonight."

But suddenly, out to the left in the brush and trees, the dog's bark changed in tone. There was something frantic, disappointed, in it. If a dog could talk, that one would have been saying, "Come out and fight like a man, you dirty coward!" At first I wondered if

the dog had run onto a bobcat, are a sinner, and run to Jesus or some other larger game. jumped out of the buggy, pushed way out through the brush, and there I found the dog howling and scratching and whining at a rock half as big as a house! But under the over-hanging ledge of this rock, not more than four inches above the ground, the little rabbit had run. Down on hands and knees I saw him, far back under the rock. He was trembling in excitement, and breathing heavily. His little eyes protruded with fear but he was perfectly safe. The helpless little rabbit had the good sense to run to a place of safety! He could not depend upon his own legs. He might well have said Box 420, Wheaton, Illinois to himself, "I am nothing but a little cottontail rabbit. I can't out- Dear Brother Rice: run a dog, any kind of a dog. My only safety is in finding a hiding place." So he ran under the rock, and there he was perfectly safe. called the whining, complaining dog away, and later we shot a crow for fish bait. The little cottontail rabbit was safe in his refuge!

I did not see it then, but many times since I have thought of these rabbits. the long-legged proud, independent jack rabbit, that never seeks a place of safety, and the timid little cottontail, who immediately runs to a safe refuge at the first alarm. They picture the two attitudes of sinners. Some men say, "I'll take my chance. I am not afraid." So they try to outrun sin and Satan themselves. They depend on reform, on morality, while sure and certain their sin is on their trail others, thank God, see their danger and run to Christ for mercy live a Christian life. and salvation

There was a time when I heard the hounds of Hell baying hard on my trail. I knew I was a sinner. I realized I was lost. Justice would never do for me-I needed mercy. Only the mercy and for-giveness of God could save my poor soul. So I ran to Jesus Christ, a sinner's only refuge. Of Him says Isaiah 32:2: "And a man shall be as an hiding place from the wind, and a covert from the tempest; as rivers of water in a dry place, as the shadow of a great rock in a weary land. Christ is the rock of refuge! He is my fortress, He is my defense, my safety, the Lord Jesus Christ, who has paid for my sins.

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- 21, 37 "For by grace are ye \_\_\_\_\_ through \_\_\_\_; and that not of yourselves"
- "In whom all the building \_\_ framed together"
- 26 a Levite of the second degree (I Chron. 15:18)

  27 "I know thy works, that thou art neither \_\_\_\_ nor hot"
- "Let no corrupt communication
- proceed \_\_ Eph. 4 \_ of your mouth' 30 automobile 31 "as deceivers, and yet \_\_\_\_
- II Cor. 6 32 "Follow me; and let the dead ---- their dead" Matt, 8
  33 "God, who ---- rich in mercy"
- makes rough him we both have "For \_\_\_\_access"
- see 21 across
- 37 see 21 across
  40 "And labour, working with our
  \_\_\_\_\_ hands" I Cor. 4
  41 "it shall not be lawful to impose \_\_\_\_\_[s], tribute, or custom, upon them" Ezra 7
  43 a man with six brothers (I Chron. 5:13)
  45 "unto him that is able to
- "unto him that is able to
- exceeding abundantly above all that we ask" Eph. 3 a man who did not join the
- conspiracy against David (I Kings 1:8)
  "lest any root of bitterness
- springing \_\_\_\_ trouble you'
- 49 belonging to the father of Elmodam (Luke 3:28)
- "Ye . . . have seen the of the Lord" Jas. 5 "to make all men \_\_\_\_ what is the fellowship of the mystery" what 52 "were by \_\_\_\_ the children of
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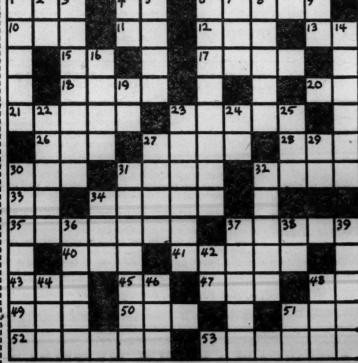
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# Clues Down

- 1 "They looked unto him, and were lightened: and their were not ashamed" Psa. 34
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- they shall \_\_\_\_\_" Mark 16 that which is callcision ed the Circumcision"
- "into the second went the high priest alone once every
- "Wherefore remember, that ye being in time past \_ same as 47 across
- "though we, or an \_\_\_\_\_ from heaven, preach any other gos-
- a printer's measure "Having abolished in his flesh the \_\_\_\_, even the law of com-mandments"
- a city that will be taken captive (Ezek. 30:17)
- 19 an altar (Josh, 22:34)
- 22 to confuse or confound
- "I have \_\_\_\_\_ a good fight, I have finished my course" II Tim. 4
- 24 initials of the two names of a woman raised from the dead by Peter (Acts 9:36)
- "And \_\_\_\_\_ hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins'
- "She dwelleth and abideth on the rock, upon the \_\_\_\_ of the rock" Job 39
- a city of the Chaldees (Gen. 11:31)
- "Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow-\_\_\_\_(s)"
- 31 "The voice of thy \_\_\_\_ was in the heaven: the lightnings lighted the world" Psa. 77
- "thou shalt call me Ishi; and shalt call me no more \_\_\_\_"
- 34 "Blessed are ye that \_\_\_\_ beside all waters" Isa, 32
- 36 see 37 down 37, 36 "And they shall eat the
- in that night, \_\_\_\_ with fire' Exod. 12
- 38 "For he \_\_\_\_ \_ our peace" gave their own selves to the Lord" II Cor. 8
- 42 "and all uncleanness.
- covetousness, let it not be once named among you" Eph. 5
- 44 a chief ruler about David (II Sam. 20:36) 46 "to make in himself of twain
- \_\_ new man' 48 a son of Bani (Ezra 10:34) 51 first two letters of the name of a woman who ministered to Je-

sus (Luke 8:3)

# Puzzle No. 40



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for correct, prompt answers to Puzzle Number 40

#### Heaven at Last By Walter B. Knight



The author centers his thoughts in this message around keenly anticipated delights which await us at life's setting sun," namely, (1) We Will Behold the King in His Beauty and Be Like Him; (2) We Will Be With Our

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3. In order for you to receive this week's prize, Heaven at Last, this week's prize, Heaven at Last, your entry must be postmarked by midnight, October 12, 1959. If your paper arrives after the deadline date, please place the date of arrival on your entry. The answer to Puzzle Number 40 will appear in the October 23 issue of The Swopp or the Lorp. SWORD OF THE LORD.

4. Each person having a correct entry will receive a coupon along with the weekly prize. Save these coupons! They are important! At the end of the year those who have forty-eight coupons will receive a large type, clothbound Scoffeld Reference Bible. Those who have forty coupons will receive a copy of the book, Man Sent From God, which is the statement of the sent from God, which is the statement of the sent from God, which is the statement of the sent from God, which is the statement of the sent from God, which is the statement of the sent from God, which is the statement of the sent from God, which is the se which is a thrilling biography of Dr. John R. Rice. Please remember that the coupons which you have are the only record of your correct entries. It will be your responsi-bility to keep the coupons. In addition, note that coupons may not be exchanged with one another. The winning of a Bible is on an individual and not a group basis. Also, duplicate coupons will not count as two separate coupons. as two separate coupons. When you receive duplicate copies of the coupons and prizes, please return them. Please limit all correspondence to only necessary items, and ALWAYS INCLUDE YOUR COMPLETE ADDRESS.

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Friday, Saturday, and Sunday in Houston; Monday and Tuesday in Longview, Texas; Wednesday and Thursday in Kansas City; Friday in Wichita, Kansas, then home for some work Saturday, a wedding Saturday afternoon, then services Sunday, then back to Springfield, Missouri, and St. Louis.

Thank God, I have no dread of this heavy schedule. I love to preach. I will take a portable dictating machine with me, and get letters and sermons written be-

tween times, God willing.

Recently I flew from Knoxville to Cincinnati, and my seat mate was a man who said, "I have been on vacation at Knoxville, but it rained nearly every day and I didn't get in much fishing. But after January I will retire and can fish all I want to." He approaches sixty-five. From Cincinnati to Chicago this seat was taken by the Catholic bishop of the Solomon Islands who came home because of his health, and was praying that he could go back to his mission field, although he was sixty-six. I felt so sorry for both of these men, because one felt he was so old he needed to retire at sixtyfive, and the other sixty-six was grieving because he might be compelled to retire. I felt it must be bad to be so old, and life work about done, then I suddenly thought that one of these men is one year older than I, and the other slightly more than two years older than I!

Thank God for the joy I have in my work! And I never expect to retire until the dear Lord in mercy stops my mouth and my pen by taking me home to Heaven, or making me unable to continue.

I played tennis with young people last Friday evening, as I frequently do. How wonderful it is God has sustained my that strength in the midst of great burdens! I rejoice in preaching, in writing, in getting out the Gos-

Last spring in a thirteen-day period, I traveled 8,700 miles by plane, which cost me over \$450. I preached twenty-two times in the thirteen days and was up all of three nights out of the thirteen!

Now again I start on such a heavy schedule of one-day conferences. May the dear Lord give grace and strength and a blessed moving of the Holy Spirit on this unworthy servant.

# Some October Engagements

Monday, October 12, I am to be at Bristol, Virginia, with Graham Bible Institute, a one-day rally of the area with Dr. Bob Jones

On Tuesday and Wednesday, October 13 and 14, I will be at Altavista, Virginia, with the Baptist Tabernacle Church and good Christian workers of the area.

October 15 and 16, Thursday and Friday, Rev. Jack Hyles and I will be in a state-wide meeting with Emmanuel Baptist Church and with the Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Pontiac, Michigan, Dr. Tom Malone, pastor and president.

Saturday, October 24, Dr. Bob Jones, Sr., and I will be in a big rally at the Collingswood Presbyterian Church, Collingswood, New Jersey, with Dr. Carl McIntire and friends.

And the first week in November, November 1-6, Rev. Jack Hyles and I, with Singer Bill Harvey, are to have a Sword of the Lord Conference on Revival and Soul Winning with fundamental pastors and churches in Durham, North Carolina.

#### We Plead for the Prayers of God's People

We boldly say that we must have the prayers of God's people because we must have the power and wisdom of God to do the things He has laid upon us. Will you be one to join in earnest daily prayer for The Sword of THE LORD and this editor? I suggest that the following matters will be laid especially on your heart as objects of prayer:

1. The special get-acquainted subscription offer of \$1 for 6 months. The campaign will be short. God help us and may we have thousand. have thousands of gift subscrip- NAME ---

2. The nation-wide radio broadast, "Voice of Revival," must

have listeners, funds, and the power of God on the singing and preaching.

- 3. The heavy schedule of outside engagements. We need the power from God to win souls, to stir revival fires, to help people stand true to Christ and the Bible in these times of compromise.
- 4. The state-wide evangelistic campaign for Michigan. Pray that God will raise up pastors who are interested in revival and that He will furnish the evangelists and guide in the plans both for onechurch meetings, for missionary revivals which could result in new fundamental churches, and for area-wide revivals. Soon the editor is to embark on a heavy schedule of one-day rallies through Michigan to promote this. How we need your prayers!

5. Most of all perhaps, we need prayer that THE SWORD OF THE LORD may have the breath of Heaven on every article, every sermon, every page! May the Lord let life-transforming power be in every issue. Such wisdom and power is needed as must come from God. I beg you to pray!

#### Greatest Soul Winners Are Invited to Send Sermons for the **Annual Sermon Contest**

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now. Among those present and Mrs. Jack Hyles, and Songleader and Mrs. Lyons of First Baptist Church, Hammond, Indiana; Dr. and Mrs. Charles Hurlburt, Conservative Baptist missionaries on furlough from the Belgian Congo (Mrs. Hurlburt is the editor's lovely niece); Dr. and Mrs. Eugene Harrison of the missions department of Wheaton College, and long-time friends of THE SWORD OF THE LORD; Mr. and Mrs. Walter Super of the recording studio which records the "Voice of Revival" broadcast; Bud Lyles, our 'Voice of Revival" announcer and his wife, and Evangelist Robert Sumner who brought a blessed Bible message and comforted our hearts and caused us to thank God for the assurance that God knows and will reward the labor behind the scenes and the faithfulness that men do not always

know about. It was a good time. Now I come back to the office to finish some work on THE SWORD of the Lord, to collect letters I must answer, portable dictating

machine I will take with me, a sermon only one-third written. and the other equipment with which I set up an office in every hotel room where I spend the day. Tomorrow morning at 7:30 I leave to catch a plane at Midway Airport for Dallas and Garland, Texas, and I will be gone for most of two weeks, then home for two days and gone again.

## I Must Go While the Work Pulls at My Heart Strings; Must I Bear This Burden

joice in the preaching of the Gospel, and I thank God for open doors. But, oh, how this work here for THE SWORD OF THE LORD tugs at my heart! All the time I will be praying and thinking about the get-acquainted subscription offer to get new subscribers for THE SWORD. I will be praying for the nation-wide "Voice of Revivto which half the people in America could listen and millions do listen. Oh, how we need the power of God and the support of Christian people! I will be thinking and praying and begging God for wisdom as I organize plans and think through and pray through about the state-wide evangelistic campaign in Michigan, to be sponsored by THE SWORD OF THE LORD, I must finish a book or two already nearly done. There is the commentary on the book of Acts which I promised God I would undertake to write this year. And while I go and try to stir the hearts preachers to win souls, and try to win some myself, my heart will be loaded down with THE SWORD OF THE LORD.

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# Alone? I long to be in the work. I re-

But must I bear this burden alone? I think not. I know the dear Lord will be with me. But does not He have thousands of loyal Christians who love Him and love me and love this work, who will join in prayer and tears and in sacrifice that the work may prosper? I hope so. I believe so and I thank God. I beg you, be faithful to carry on this work. You do not get paid for it; but neither do I. You will have to do it for love of Christ and the Gospel if you do it, just as I must do it for the same reason. So I beg you to send subscriptions and pray!

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Each man was to open the Bible. at random and preach a sermon from the first verse that presented itself. Thorpe's three competitors each went through the game with impious buffoonery.

Then, stepping upon the table, Thorpe exclaimed, "I shall beat you all." They gave him a Bible and, by God's inscrutable providence, his eyes fell first upon this

"Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish."—Luke 13:3.

He read the words, but the Sword of the Spirit went through his soul in a moment, and he preached as one who scarce knew what he said.

The hand of God laid hold upon him, and, intending to mock, he

could only fear and tremble. When he descended from the table, a profound silence reigned in the company, and not one word was said about the wager.

Thorpe instantly withdrew, and after a season of the deepest distress, passed into the full light of the Gospel, and became a preacher of the grace of God, that had met him, a sinner in his sins, on the way to Hell, which he felt he richly deserved, and had revealed to him a Saviour, whose blood could cleanse him, and make him fit for the very glory of God.

His message was that the work of Christ was so perfect and complete that the vilest sinner might be saved, who came to Him in repentance and faith.

Remember his text. It is true for you.

"Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish."

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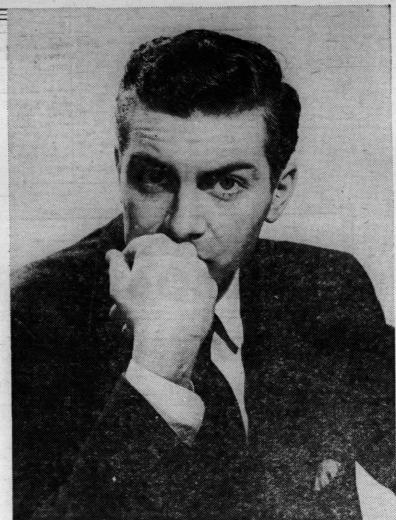
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